Midnight Christmas Services Held in Catholic Churches Here.

### FIRST CELEBRATED IN CITY SINCE 1900

Communion Offered by 500,000 in Plea That War May End Soon.

More than a million Catholic men and women, at one minute after mideight this morning, in the celebrating ook part in masses offered in every athelic church in Manhattan and The ronx for a speedy ending of the Eu-

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### RICHARD CROKER SENDS GREETINGS TO FRIENDS

(By Cable to The Tribune )

London, Dec. 24.-In reply to an inquiry as to his health, Richard Croker, from his home in Glencairn, Ireland, sends the following message through The Tribune:

"To my friends in New York I want to say immediately that I am very well, and wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Mr. Croker is living quietly with his young wife at his beautiful Irish home. He is keenly interested in the war and confident of victory for the Allies. The difficulties of travel now are the chief reason for his not making his usual trip to the United States this year.

Despite his seventy-two years the veteran Tammany leader feels and looks well and thoroughly enjoys life on his Irish estate. Mrs. Croker finds keen delight in playing her part as mistress of the big Irish

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## WALL ST. REVELS IN YULETIDE GLEE

Employes, Sharing Year's Plenty, Forget Gloom of Last Lean Christmas.

WAR DAMPENS JOYS ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Officials Discourage High Jinks at Time of Europe's Sorrow-Other Markets Lively.

Pockets bulging with generous hristmas gifts from brokerage firms and banking institutions made Wall only a few weeks and many clerks were still working on half salary and were



TWO OF THOUSANDS MADE HAPPY BY VINCENT ASTOR.

an bour, the new rate ranging be discontinued. Respectfully, 25 to 29 cents. The elevated wines are advanced from \$3.75 to day. The increase granted to elevate and subway conductors at is by may of liberal time allow the compensation paid being for those whose expectianment may of liberal time allow the compensation paid being for those whose expectations.

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## SANTA BREAKS THINK ROOT CAN SING SING'S BARS WIN CONVENTION

WARDEN SWAMPED

WITH "BOYS' " GIFTS

One of 1.600 Men-Two Trees,

Dinner and Show To-day.

Prison, Its Cells Open, Re- Party Leaders Convinced Ex-Senator Would Run sounds with Song on Best Race. Christmas Eve.

key for the night. He had thrown can Committee: open the cell doors and the men man the run of the prison. Already there were two Christmas trees within the walls. One, Warden Osborne's tree for the man, steed in a corner of the the man, steed in a corner of the have been expected. To a large extent it muts him in the position of Justice

It was such a Christmas Eve as Sing | 8 Sing had never known before. In the old days, under the iron rule, the men spent the night in their cells. Those who chanced to know it was Christman Eve didn't care. It meant nothing to them, or worse than nothing. But to-night there were a hundred deputy Santas tupcosing through Doubt Hughes Would Accept.

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# BELIEVE HUGHES WOULD REFUSE

Politicians Doubt if Justice In Turn, He Remembers Every Would Leave Banch-See West Swinging to New Yorker.

Eve in Sing Sing Prison, too. Through the porous walls of the actiouated Tree filtered mornlight bathed the gray walls and the jingle of sleighbells carried into the chapel, where 1.800 mate him from the race according Republican leaders here to-day, were limited into the chapel, where 1.800 feathers will not be an active candidate, be will not be an active candidate, be will not be an active candidate, be will not be an active candidate, but the leaders declare that his high qual feations will insure that his name we

chapel, glittering with tinsel and holi-day trinkets. The other, the men's tree for Warden Osborne, occupied the centre of the floor in the back parlor of the warden's house.

It puts him in the position of Justice llughes, with the difference that there is no bar to his accepting the nomina-tion if it is offered to him, while Jus-tice Hughes's place on the Supremo bench is considered by many to be such

But there is serious doubt that Jua-tice Hughes would accept even a unant-mous nomination, because of his belief that the Supreme Bench should never

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